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A Message from Director Wayne Rosenthal



During this summer vacation season, we're excited to invite you to visit the Illinois State Museum in Springfield, which has just opened a major new exhibition in celebration of Illinois' Bicentennial. The "Bicentennial and Beyond! The Illinois Legacy Collection" exhibition features rare and rarely-seen artifacts from the Museum's 13.5-million-object Illinois Legacy Collection.

The new exhibition, which opened June 30, features artifacts from the fine and decorative arts, anthropology, archaeology, botany, history, geology, and zoology, helping tell Illinois' story well beyond the 200 years since statehood. Artifacts on display range from fossils that are hundreds of millions of years old, to Native American stonework, to contemporary works of art.

While the exhibition helps us explore Illinois' history, it also shows the importance of the Museum moving forward – beyond the Bicentennial – chronicling the events of the past, of today, and of tomorrow, through research and educational programs, sharing with the public what we know and what we learn.

If you can't make it to the Museum, or any time before or after your visit, check out the "Story of Illinois" website. Presented by the ISM in cooperation with the Illinois Association of Museums, this virtual exhibition highlights objects from the Illinois Legacy Collection, along with objects from other Illinois museums, including the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Adler Planetarium, and many more. Just click <http://story.illinoisstatemuseum.org/> for the website, and then be sure to visit the contributing museums to see some of these objects firsthand.

Congratulations to the Illinois State Museum staff – including director Robert Sill and retired director Mike Wiant – along with the leadership of the Illinois State Museum Board and the Illinois State Museum Society, for their efforts and support for this new exhibition and of the Illinois State Museum system.

We join them in encouraging you to visit the Illinois State Museum and tour the new "Illinois Bicentennial and Beyond!" exhibition, open now through next February 3.

Wayne Rosenthal

DNR in the news

Willow Pond Park

**Students find
second Fort
Kaskaskia site**

**Jonesboro
students visit ISM**

**NWTF helps re-
establish open
woodland areas**

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Highlights



IDNR Seeking Applicants for Illinois Conservation Police Positions

IDNR is seeking applicants for the position of Conservation Police Officer Trainee. The Department is beginning the selection process with the written exam being administered July 1, 2018 to August 30, 2018, with the intent to hire up to 20 officers in 2019.

[For more information click here](#)



2018 Schedule of Waterfowl Blind Site Drawings

Waterfowl hunters are encouraged to mark their calendars for upcoming waterfowl hunting blind site random drawings to be held at several public hunting areas in Illinois on July 28 and 29. Duck and goose hunters must register in person for waterfowl blind site drawings and must be present at the drawing – held at each designated area immediately after the registration

period – to claim their blind sites. Mail-in registrations are not accepted. Unless otherwise stated, blind allocations for these sites are good for one year. [For more information click here](#)



Special Bicentennial Exhibition at the Illinois State Museum

The Illinois State Museum presents a major new exhibition in celebration of the state's 200th birthday, featuring rare and rarely-seen artifacts from the Museum's 13.5-million-object Illinois Legacy Collection to highlight the dynamic story of Illinois. The "Bicentennial and Beyond!" [For more information click here](#)



Fireworks Safety Reminder - Leave Displays to Those Who Are Licensed and Trained

IDNR is reminding individuals and organizations sponsoring fireworks displays in Illinois to be sure their fireworks vendor has the required state licenses and certificates issued by the IDNR and the Office of the State Fire Marshal prior to their fireworks show. The Illinois Explosives Act requires that anyone who purchases, possesses, uses, transfers, stores or disposes of

explosives, including display fireworks, must have an explosives license and explosives storage certificate issued by the IDNR. [For more information click here](#)

Check out these amazing time-lapse videos of Illinois' [Great State Parks](#)



Illinois Outdoor News has named ICF's very own Mike Polhamus as the 2018 "Person of the Year!"

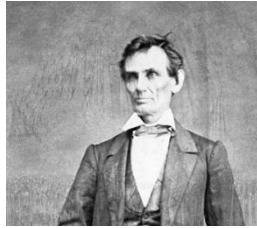
Most people who are familiar with the Torstenson Youth Conservation Education Center recognize Mike as the property manager and as ICF's enthusiastic champion of programs that foster youth hunting, fishing and conservation education.

Congratulations
Mike!

Visit ICF

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Highlights



Theatre in The Park: *Distant Thunder*

Reserve your tickets today for *Distant Thunder*, a terrific production at Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site. The play shares the story of the people of New Salem and how the individuals shaped Abraham Lincoln's life. [For more information click here](#)



Illinois Mussels

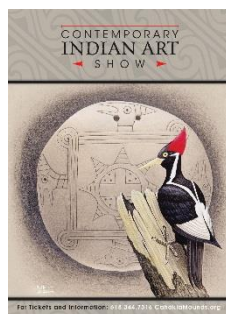
New Video Podcast

The Illinois Mussels video podcast can be found on the IDNR's Education Podcasts page. The video podcast is also available on YouTube.com [For more information click here](#)



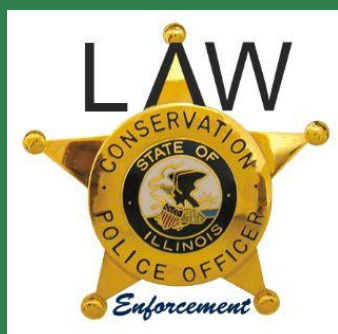
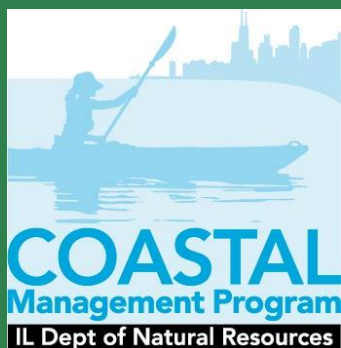
Paddle Emiquon July 21, 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Enjoy wildlife viewing and learning about wetland restoration efforts and current scientific research. Participants may bring their own canoe or kayak. To register call the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 309-535-2290 or email mitchell_baalman@fws.gov by Wednesday, July 18. [For more information click here.](#)



Contemporary Indian Art Show

Thirty Native American artists from around the country will be at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site on July 14-15 to sell their original art. An art competition takes place on July 13 during the opening reception. Many different tribal affiliations will be represented including the American Southwest, Florida, and Oklahoma. [For more information click here](#)



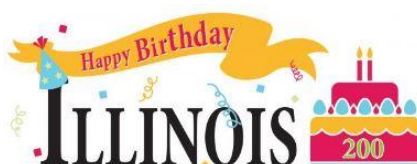
Come Fish with us at the Cache River Wetlands Center Fishing Clinic

On July 12 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., bring the kids to a free Youth Fishing Clinic. Instructors will discuss fish and other aquatic life, rules and regulations for fishing, and have tips on baiting a hook, tying a knot, casting, important tactics on how to catch, handle and return fish to the water. As part of each clinic, participants are provided with rods, reels, bait and tackle for 90 minutes of catch-and-release fishing. [For more information click here](#)



Kid's Night - Bugs at Dickson Mounds Museum

On July 28 from 8 p.m. – 10 p.m., using special equipment to attract insects, entomology expert Jim Wiker will share his knowledge and teach participants about the different species. Participants should dress appropriately for this outdoor activity and bring their own blankets or lawn chairs and flashlights. Kid's Day/Night programs are geared towards children age 5 and up with an adult. Registration is not required. [For more information click here](#)



Happy Birthday Illinois! Super Saturday

Illinois has a big birthday coming up, the big 200! Visit the Illinois State Museum on July 7 from 11 a.m.– 3 p.m. and start the celebration. Come to the museum for cake, activities, and games to celebrate and wish Illinois a Happy Birthday. Super Saturdays offer thematic activities recommended for children ages 5 and up each month. Activities take 30-40 minutes to complete and are included with Museum admission. [For more information click here](#)



Gardening for Pollinators

At the Beall Woods State Park Visitor Center on Sat., July 14, find out how to attract wildlife to your yard by planting beautiful native prairie plants. Participants should meet at the north shelter at 9 a.m. [For more information click here](#)



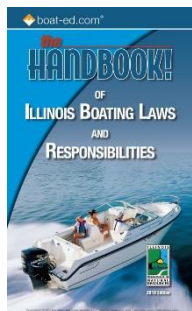
White Pines Resort Presents *The History of Rock & Roll*

The Johnny Rogers Show – on July 11 and 12 – is the story of Buddy Holly and Beyond. Johnny is perhaps the most versatile performer in America today. He and his band will transport you back in time when you used to visit your favorite malt shops with your favorite girl/guy. [For more information click here](#)



Starved Rock Lodge Trolley Tours

Take a tour of beautiful Starved Rock State Park on the trolleys, Ranger or Bella! There's no better way to ride! We offer both historic and seasonal tours. If you've never been to Starved Rock, a trolley tour is the perfect way to experience the area. [For more information click here](#)



Handbook of Illinois Boat Laws and Responsibilities

In Illinois, no person born on or after January 1, 1998, unless exempt, may operate a motorboat with over 10 horsepower unless that person has a valid Boating Safety Certificate issued by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, or by an entity or organization recognized and approved by the Department. [For more information click here](#)



Wheels Through Time: A Historic Bike Show at David Davis Mansion July 21

Great bike show in Bloomington! Presentations include "Two Hundred Years of Bicycles: New Technologies and Social Acceptance, 1817-2018" (Prof. Thomas Burr, Illinois State University), and "Early History of Women's Cycling in Illinois" (Christopher Sweet, Bicycle Historian, Illinois Wesleyan University). Check the entire schedule for fun things for the family. [For more information click here](#)

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